

IJB26. Directions

The board considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer which presented the Scottish Government's Statutory Guidance for Directions from Integration Authorities to Health Boards and Local Authorities and to present a proposed response to that guidance.

The Scottish Government published their Statutory Guidance in January 2020 in order to improve practice in issuing and implementing directions nationally. To date the IJB had used one Direction to encompass all functions. Going forward this approach would not be supported by the Statutory Guidance position.

The new Statutory Guidance required a draft policy to be produced outlining the revised approach to directions. A policy would be developed and presented to the November meeting. This approach would provide a much more formal system for recording IJB decisions and for monitoring the improvements that the decisions are designed to make. In the meantime, a proposed directions template was presented for consideration by the IJB.

Decision

The Integration Joint Board:-

- (1) requested that a Directions Policy was brought to the November meeting, and**
- (2) agreed the template at appendix 1 to the report to accompany all future reports.**